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SUBJ: INFO ON ILO ACTIVITIES IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REF: A) STATE 203991, B) STATE 206214

1. ILO HAS ACTED AS EXECUTING AGENCY FOR TWO UNDP-FINANCED PROJECTS IN DR IN LAST TWO YEARS; (A) A STATISTICIAN TO CARRY OUT EMPLOYMENT SURVEY THROUGH GOVERNMENT STATISTICS OFFICE, AND (B) AN ADVISOR TO PRIVATELY FINANCED REHABILITATION CENTER TO DEVELOP COURSES AND WORKSHOPS FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

2. FOLLOWING INFORMATION RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL (A):

STATISTICAL PROGRAM

(A) NECESSARY AND USEFUL. DR HAS NO ADEQUATE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS.

(B) UNDP CONSULTED WITH GOVERNMENT AND UNIONS BEFORE FUNDING PROGRAM. INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYERS ALSO APPROVED PROJECT.

(C) PROJECT DELAYED ONE YEAR. ILO COULD NOT FIND QUALIFIED STATISTICIAN.

(D) NO TRAINEE INVOLVED.

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(E) N/A

(F) NO DISCREPANCY.
(G) N/A
(H) ADEQUATELY BACKSTOPPED.
(I) N/A
(J) NO FELLOWSHIPS.
(K) STATISTICIAN WAS QUALIFIED AND WAS NATIVE SPANISH SPEAKER.
(L) PROJECT WAS RELATIVELY UNSUCCESSFUL. ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO PROVIDE GODR WITH SUPERVISORY ASSISTANCE IN CARRYING OUT EMPLOYMENT SURVEY, PROJECT HAD TO BE AMENDED AND LIMITED TO DEVELOPMENT OF METHODOLOGY FOR SUCH A SURVEY. ILO CONTRACT EMPLOYEE FOUND OFFICE OF STATISTICS POORLY PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT SURVEY BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL, FUNDS AND LACK OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.
REHABILITATION PROGRAM
(A) EXCELLENT PROGRAM. REHAB CENTER ONE OF BEST RUN ORGANIZATIONS IN COUNTRY.
(B) BUSINESS, LABOR AND GOVERNMENT ALL ACTIVELY SUPPORT CENTER, BUT ILO PROGRAM DESIGN ESSENTIALLY WORK OF CENTER PERSONNEL.
(C) PROJECT BEGAN ON TIME.
(D) AND (E) TWO TRAINEES SCHEDULED FOR AND RECEIVED TRAINING. BUTH TRAVELED TO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES OBSERVING REHABILITATION CENTERS. TRAINEES NOW DIRECTING COURSES AT CENTER.
(F) NO DISCREPANCIES.
(G) EXISTING PLANT WOULD HAVE BEEN ADEQUATE FOR ILO SPECIALIST, BUT ON HIS OWN HE RAISED FUNDS IN US AND EUROPE FOR NEW BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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(H) ADEQUATE BACKSTOPPING PROVIDED.
(I) N/A
(J) N/A
(K) SPECIALIST WAS WELL PREPARED AND IS NATIVE SPANISH SPEAKER.

(L PROGRAM WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. SPECIALIST WILL RETURN ON PERIODIC BASIS DURING NEXT YEAR TO ADVISE ON NEW PROJECTS FOR CENTER.

3. ILO, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR THROUGH UNDP, HAS HAD NO OTHER PROJECTS IN D.R. IN LAST TWO YEARS. REGARDING REFTEL (B) MENTION OF MEETING ON PREVENTION OF OCCUPATIONAL RISKS OF SUGAR CAN WORKERS, UNDP REP STATED THAT ILO NOT INVOLVED. HURWITCH

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